Latin Verbs Nōmen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Every Latin verb includes a personal ending that indicates **who** is doing the verb.

There are three persons (first, second, third).

There are two number (singular and plural).

Each personal ending may be understood as a personal pronoun supplying a built-in subject for the verb.

The Three Persons, Singular and Plural:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Singular* | *Plural* |
| 1st person | I | We |
| 2nd person | You | You (all) |
| 3rd person | He/she/it | they |

Latin Personal Endings:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Singular* | | *Plural* | |
| 1st person | **-o** | I | **-mus** | We |
| 2nd person | **-s** | You | **-tis** | You (all) |
| 3rd person | **-t** | He/she/it | **-nt** | they |

The Regular Verb:

**The Present Tense** describes action in the present (here and now). The **present stem** of the word in the example below is **porta-.** We attach the personal endings to the present stem in order to form the present tense of the verb.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Singular* | | *Plural* | |
| 1st person | **porto** | I carry | **portamus** | we carry |
| 2nd person | **portas** | you carry | **portatis** | you (all) carry |
| 3rd person | **portat** | he/she/it carries | **portant** | they carry |

The Verb***to be****:*

The verb *to be* has an irregular form in Latin.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Singular* | | *Plural* | |
| 1st person | **sum** | I am | **sumus** | we are |
| 2nd person | **es** | you are | **estis** | you (all) are |
| 3rd person | **est** | he/she/it is | **sunt** | they are |